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1.  Amendment/Response to Non-Final Office Action mailed October 31, 2005
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In response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed October 31, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.**

**Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.**